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REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 3, 2007, the period for response having been extended to June 3, 2007 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No additional claims fees are due.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.